

# DC Pope Visit 2015 Student Resources

*Pope Francis is coming to DC! He will be at several places from September 22-24, 2015.*

Below is a brief biography of the Pope and description of key events. If you are interested or need more information about this important visit, come to the Harvard Campus Library in Room 116 or go to the resources listed at the end of the document.

**Who:** Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on December 17, 1936, Jorge Mario Bergoglio became Pope Francis on March 13, 2013, when he was named the 266th pope of the Roman Catholic Church. He is the first Pope from the Americas. In December 2013, Pope Francis was also named Person of the Year by *Time* magazine. He has spoken out against poverty, against environmental destruction, and against war. [Source: biography.com]

**What:** *Because of the Pope's visit, there will not be any classes on September 23, 2015.*

This is Pope Francis' first visit to the US. You can see the Pope at different places around DC and watch him on the Internet.

## When & Where:

Date	Time	Event
Sept. 22	4-5PM	Arrives at Joint Base Andrews military facility
	9:15-11AM	Visits President Obama at White House
Sept. 23	11-11:30AM	Parade along 15 <sup>th</sup> St., Constitution, and 17 <sup>th</sup> St.
	11:30-12:30PM	Midday prayer at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle
	4:15-5:30PM	Canonization Mass at Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
Sept. 24	9:20-11:00AM	Addresses Joint Meeting of Congress
	11:00-11:15AM	Appears at West Front of Capitol
	11:15AM-3:00PM	St. Patrick Catholic Church visit
	4:00PM	Departure

**Why:** You may want to go to one of these historic events because this is Pope Francis' first time in the United States.

**How:** There are four ways you can see Pope Francis during his visit:

- Visit the White House Lawn for the Pope Francis' Welcoming Ceremony on Sept. 23.
- Tickets for the Mass on Sept. 23 are going to the Catholic Community first, then to those of the Catholic faith.
- Watch the Mass and Address to Congress on large screens around DC.
- Watch live events at <http://www.popefrancisvisit.com/watch-the-visit/>



## **Resources:**

### **Catholic to the Max**

<http://www.popefrancisvisit.com/>

### **Closed Roads**

<http://pope.dc.gov/page/road-closures-parking-and-pedestrian-restrictions>

### **DC Circulator**

202-962-1423

[gdcg.co/circulatorpope](http://gdcg.co/circulatorpope)

Will offer shuttle bus service on Sept. 23 to Brookland-CUA metro stop during the Basilica event. Service stopped on the DC Circulator National Mall on Sept. 23 and Sept. 24.

### **DC government Papal Visit 2015**

<http://pope.dc.gov/>

### **Metrobus**

301-562-5360

[wmata.com/papalvisit](http://wmata.com/papalvisit)

Metrobus will have regular service and prices. However, please plan on delays.

### **Washington Metro Area Transit Authority**

202-637-7000

<http://www.wmata.com/>

Metrorail will have regular service, prices, and parking fees. Metrorail runs from 5am to midnight during the visit with some extra trains during non-peak hours on Wednesday and Thursday.